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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Hiroshi Takano, et al.

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For: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING  
CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DEVICES**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.